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1. THE PRESS BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ON MARCH 30 INCLUDED THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REUNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM. THE EVENTS BEGIN ON APRIL 20, MEMORIAL DAY FOR THE FALLEN OF THE IDF, INCLUDE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON APRIL 21, JERUSALEM DAY ON MAY 13, AND CONCLUDE WITH A GALA CONCERT BY THE ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ON MAY 16. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS APPARENTLY TO HAVE THE NAME "JERUSALEM MONTH" AND WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, RECEPTIONS, PARADES, AND MEMORIAL SERVICES.

2. AT PRESENT, THE ONLY FUNCTION LISTED FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS THE TRADITIONAL RECEPTION AT THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY. WHILE THIS PARTICULAR EVENT WOULD PROBABLY GIVE US NO
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DIFFICULTY, WE SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN REFTTEL THAT SPECIAL PROBLEMS CAN BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE THEME OF REUNIFICATION OF THE CITY OF JERUSALEM. WE ALSO AGREE WITH JERUSALEM THAT PROMINENT AMERICANS WILL PROBABLY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATIONS AND THAT PRESSURE--EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT--CAN BE EXPECTED FOR

OUR PARTICIPATION, AND PARTICULARLY THAT OF A NEW
AMBASSADOR.

3. WE HAVE BEGUN TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH OTHER
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS REGARDING HOW BEST TO RESPOND
TO THIS EXPECTED PRESSURE. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HAS
REPLIED THAT THE SUBJECT MIGHT WELL BE DISCUSSED
AMONG THE NINE AND A COMMON EC POSITION ADOPTED.
THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER MAKING ITS VIEWS
KNOWN TO THE BRITISH, AS EC PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO
URGE A COMMON POSITION OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN ANY
SERVICES OR CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH THE REUNIFI-
CATION CELEBRATIONS.
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